



## The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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10:00AM

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#### Introduction

*To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.*

#### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE PRELUDE

#### \* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,**

**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**

**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,**

**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds,**

**and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

*\* Please stand as you are able*

\* **THE GATHERING SONG:**

#526

*God Is Here!*

\* **THE GREETING**

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

\* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup> when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>11</sup> “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ <sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> **Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup> **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup> **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup> You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup> **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup> In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup> for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup> This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup> and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Sung page #151

**C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 8th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

**Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

<sup>25</sup> An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**P: The Gospel of the Lord!**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **GOOD NEWS 101**

### **THE SERMON**

#### **THE HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**#708**

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

#### **\* THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **\*THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

God of Grace,  
**Hear our prayer**

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING  
SPECIAL MUSIC**

**\* THE OFFERTORY: Let The Vineyard's Be Fruitful**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**\* THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD:**

Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher,  
your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word.  
All that has life and breath praises your name.  
For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God.  
**We thank you, O God.**

You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world.  
He healed the sick, fed the hungry,  
preached your mercy, and called us to faith.  
For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God.  
**We praise you, O God.**

Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word, that we may grow in grace, bearing the fruits of redemption, and sharing your strength and beauty with all the world. For your Word in our lives, we entreat you, O God.  
**We entreat you, O God.**

Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer,  
for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\* BLESSING**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.

**\* THE SENDING SONG:**

**#769**

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

**\* THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**THE POSTLUDE**

**Serving Today: July 13, 2025**

**Acolyte:** TBD

**Lector:** Bonnie Mazza

**Usher:** Lynn Haab

**Musicians:** Ryan Peiffer

**Sound System:** Amber Johnson

**Serving Next Week: July 20, 2025**

**Communion Assistant:** Lynn Haab

**Acolyte:** TBD

**Lector:** Judy Bariexca

**Ushers:** Bonnie Mazza & Allyson Schmalz

**Musician:** Danny Allen

**Sound System:** Laura Poethke

### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

**Today** 10:00AM Worship  
**Monday:** 12:30-4:30: Burlington Theater Camp  
**Tuesday:** 12:30-4:30: Burlington Theater Camp  
7:00-9:00: Burlington Book Club  
**Wednesday:** 12:30-4:30: Burlington Theater Camp  
5:00—7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety  
**Thursday:** 12:30-4:30: Burlington Theater Camp  
**Friday:** 12:30-4:30: Burlington Theater Camp  
7:00—10:00PM AA  
**Next Sunday:** 10:00AM Worship/ Holy Communion

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE CALL** the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another. Due to stricter privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital and keep us informed of hospitalizations so Pastor Haab can visit and keep people in our prayers.

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME:** Have you ever thought about joining one of our worship teams. We are always looking for new people to help usher, read, help with communion or acolyte. Please see Bonnie Mazza if you are interested.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Our food pantry is open the third Sunday of each month. Please continue to bring in your donations to help those in need.

**BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP and LOUD OFFERING** take place on the first Sunday of each month. We recognize those who celebrate their birthday that month and also pass *Philip the Bucket* to collect spare change to help those in need.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:** Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. Our blended worship will be returning in September on the 4th Sunday of each month with our contemporary band Voices That Reign leading us in song.

**IF YOU ARE TRAVELING THIS SUMMER:** and looking for a place to worship, please reach out to Pastor Haab for ELCA church suggestions where you are vacationing. Please also invite family visiting with you, to join us in worship.

**A GREENER HOLY TRINITY KITCHEN :** We are making good progress toward greening our kitchen! Thank you to all who donated coffee mugs this year. We now have a supply that will see us through any congregational gathering. Our next collection request is for cutlery, specifically **forks**. You can also make a monetary donation towards the purchase of cutlery. Please help Holy Trinity save money and help our beautiful planet by donating your extra forks to our church kitchen

***THE NEW JERSEY SYNOD  
of the  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA  
requests your prayers and presence as***

***THE REV. DR. CHRISTA M. COMPTON***

*is installed as the fourth Bishop of the Synod  
at a Festive Service of Holy Communion  
Saturday, August 23, 2025*

*2:00 PM*

*at*

*First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens  
711 Somerset Street, Somerset, NJ 08873*

*The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, Preacher*

*Rostered Leaders are invited to vest and process.*

*The color of the day is red.*

*A light reception will immediately follow.*



**Youth Ministry Mission Team**  
invites you to

# BEACH DAY

**Games - Laughter - Great Company**

Don't miss a day of sun, sand, and fellowship. Bring your family, friends, and beach gear for a day filled with games, laughter, and great company. Whether you're building sandcastles or just soaking up the sun, there's something for everyone. We can't wait to see you there!

**Register online by August 1st** at [njsynod.org/youth](http://njsynod.org/youth)  
Open to All Ages

**SAT**  
**August 9**  
**8AM - 2PM**

**\$10** per car  
Island Beach State Park





# Food Pantry

**ITEMS NEEDED**

**Pet Food, Chicken Nuggets, frozen meatballs, syrup, ketchup, toilet paper, detergent, baby wipes, jelly, coffee, hot dogs, dish soap, butter, spaghetti sauce, cleaning supplies, frozen breakfast foods, frozen dinners/pizza, and mac and cheese.**

